[TFR 66-1]

THE DIRECTORATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS Tambov Oblast
========== "2" Oct 1947
No. 1st-1513 City of Tambov

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TO THE DEPUTY HEAD OF THE 1ST DIRECTORATE GUPVI MVD, USSR COLONEL

Comrade EFREMOV Moscow

In reference to No. 8/2/6134 dated 16 Sep 47

With regard to the situation surrounding the POW KHARVIS- ARENBERG Vil'yam (Fredrikh Vil'gel'm), born 1923 - American. [cut off] has been reported to you three times - namely: 26 Nov 46 for No. 1/II 205 [cut off] 1947 for No. 1/V-51 and 7 Feb 47 for No. 1/V-69.

Upon receipt of your inquiry dated 9 Apr 47 for No. 8/2/ [cut off] we again conducted a thorough search of the registration document archives [cut off] of MVD camp No. 188, an inquiry was made at [cut off] department No. 1 of camp No. 188 , which is located in the city of Kirsanov [cut off] in the Saratov Oblast to determine if the POW we are looking for, KHARVIS- ARENBERG, would turn up there. The [cut off] camp Section No. 2 of camp No. 64 was queried again (the questions and answers are attached), but no positive responses were received.

As a result, the situation surrounding the search remains [cut off] - specifically, KHARVIS-ARENBERG's presence is not listed nor is he listed on the lists of those who were shipped or those who died.

The [cut off] of the registration section of b/camp No. 188, in connection with the elimination of [cut off], were fired and left the Oblast. There is currently little chance of more precisely defining the location of POW KHARVIS-ARENBERG. We propose that POW ARENBERG Fridrikh Vil'gel'm, having entered camp No. [cut off], [TFR 66-2]

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was given a different nationality and name and was sent somewhere under that name. However, these changes were not noted in the card file.

This conclusion is supported by the fact that the POW personnel records numerically correspond to arrivals and departures for that period.

HEAD OF THE TO DIRECTORATE, MVD MAJOR GENERAL (MAKHON'KOV) [TFR 66-3]

[handwritten "452"] Top Secret Copy No. 1 kn-2. USSR [stamp "SECRETARIAT UNK TO Ministry of Entry No. 5331 Internal Affairs 2 Aug 47"] GUPVI TO THE HEAD OF THE OPVI, TAMBOV OBLAST "26" Jul 47 MAJOR Comrade KHVALENSKIJ No. 8/2/4898 city of Tambov city of Moscow [handwritten "entry No. 1128 27 Aug 47 [illeg signature]"]

Expedite completing our No. 8/2/2453 from 9 Apr 47 on the cross reference of prisoner of war ARENBERG Fridrikh Villi, born 1923, an American by nationality, Private First Class, sent 26 Sep 45 to camp No. 188 station Rada from MVD camp No. 212.

HEAD OF THE REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT GUPVI MVD USSR MAJOR [signature] (MAKOV) [printed along left-hand margin "In responses, refer to our [entry] number and date."]

Top Secret Copy No. 1 2-od. USSR [handwritten "451 8"] Ministry of Internal Affairs TO THE HEAD, UMVD, TAMBOV OBLAST GUPVI MAJOR GENERAL"26" Sep 47 Comrade MAKHAN'KOV No. 8/2/61340 city of Tambov city of Moscow [handwritten "OPVI, report [illeg]"]

I am reporting that over the course of nine months, the GUPVI MVD USSR has been corresponding with UMVD of Tambov Oblast (8/2/5367 dated 20 Dec 46, 8/2/28 dated 6 Jan 47, 8/2/791 dated 5 Feb 47, 8/2/2453 dated 9 Apr 47, and 8/2/4898 dated 26 Jul 47) on establishing the place of departure of the American prisoner of war KHARVIS-ARENBERG Frank Vil'yam, who was transferred from camp No. 120 to camp No. 188. To this date, a favorable answer has not been received at the GUPVI MVD USSR. The Head of the OPVI Comrade Major KHVALENSKIJ did not answer our last request, No. 8/2/2453 dated 9 Apr 47.

I request that you make it incumbent upon the Head of the OPVI to immediately respond to our inquiries regarding the POW KHARVIS and that you impose disciplinary punishment on those persons responsible for responding to these inquiries.

I request that you report the results to GUPVI.

DEPUTY HEAD OF THE 1ST DIRECTORATE, GUPVI MVD USSR COLONEL [signature] (EFREMOV) [printed along left-hand margin "In responses, refer to our [entry] number and date."] [stamp "SECRETARIAT UNK TO ENTRY No. 6697 30 Sep 47"] [TFR 66-4]

[stamp "Basis TsAKP Fond 231, Inv. 1, Case 871, page 194"]

[stamp "Certified Xerox Copy: Head Archive Storage [initials "MIYA"] 22 September 1992"] [TFR 66-5a]

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Prisoners of war from camp No. 120 who departed for camp No. 188 on 25 Sep 45

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2. Rejger	Rudol'f	Genrikh	1905	American	Soldier

Head of the Directorate of camp No. 120
MVD KFSSR Lieutenant Colonel [signature] (Makarov)

Head of URO Camp Directorate
Lieutenant [signature] (Gubin)

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STATEMENT.

On 30 Sep 45, we, the undersigned: Duty Officer Nitshiperov, Zone Commandant Dubovitskij and Convoy Head Merkulenko, prepared this statement upon the arrival of the two prisoners from

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The statement contains the clothing inventory of the two prisoners. Garrison caps 2, overcoats 2, cloth service jacket 2, cloth pants 2, shirts 4, drawers 4, leather boots 2, socks 2, sweaters 2.

Duty Officer (signature illeg.)

Zone Commandant of the Camp (no signature)

Convoy Chief (Merkulenko)

True copy: secretary of camp No. 120 Directorate

MVD KFSSR Captain [signature] (Maksimov) [An official seal "USSR Ministry of Internal Affairs POW camp No. 120" is stamped over the above]

27 Mar 47 [TFR 66-5b]

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27 Mar 47 [TFR 66-6]

[handwritten "Entry 5245 [handwritten "415 10"] 15 Apr 47"] Top Secret

[handwritten "to comrades [2 illeg. signatures] 16 [illeg.]"]

USSR MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS GUPVI TO THE HEAD OF THE OPVI ,UMVD OF THE TAMBOV OBLAST MAJOR "9" Apr 47 COMRADE KHVALENSKIJ No. 8/2/2453 city of Tambov city of Moscow in reference to No. 1/u-51 from 28 Jan 47

For the third time I am requesting that you cross reference and report to the GUPVI MVD USSR on where the American prisoner of war KHARVIS-ARENBERG Fridrikh Vil'gel'm is being held, or where he was sent to.

The prisoner of war ARENBERG, mentioned above, was turned over to the MVD camp No. 188 on 30 Sep 45.

I am attaching a copy of the transfer statement for the prisoner of war ARENBERG, as well as the receipt and a list from the MVD camp No. 120.

ENCLOSURES: see above.

HEAD OF THE 2ND DEPARTMENT, GUPVI MVD USSR MAJOR [signature] (MAKOV)

[stamp "UNK SECRETARIAT Entry No. 2666 14 Apr 47"]

[printed along left-hand margin "In responses, refer to our [entry] number and date."] [TFR 66-7]

Entry No. 13352 [Stamp "SECRETARIAT UNK TO [handwritten "93"] Entry No. 201 Top Secret 9 Jan 47"] [handwritten "466"] USSR PERSONAL MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS GUPVI "6" January 1946 TO THE HEAD OF THE UMVD - TAMBOV OBLAST No. 8/2/28 COLONEL city of Moscow To Comrade LESHCHUK city of Tambov [handwritten "to Comrade Khvalenskij"] [handwritten "complete immediately and do not delay completion of similar requests in the future"]

I am reporting that the GUPVI, MVD of the USSR, is receiving inquiries from the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs and from other official organizations about the search for prisoners of war who, according to the card index, are being held in camp No. 188. There are no records on [their] release from camp No. 188 and the OPVI UMVD confirms that they could not have departed. However, they are also not present in any of the camps in the Tambov Oblast.

For example:

1. No. 8/2/4462 dated 28 Oct 46 (passed via "VCH") We inquired as to where the American POW's KONRADI Dzhordzh, born in 1925 and BONAR Karl Karl, born in 1919 went after they were shipped from camp No. 188. It is totally unacceptable that almost two months passed from the time [we sent] our memorandum No. 8/2/5013 dated 30 Nov 46, until Comrade MAJOR KHVALENSKIJ, the head of the OPVI, reported back. He reported in No. 1/II/2191 dated 24 Dec 46 that KONRADI Dzhordzh died on 6 Jul 45 and that BONAR, Karl Karl, is listed as having arrived at camp No. 188, but to where he departed has not been established.

2. We inquired in No. 8/2/4791, dated 20 Nov 46, (passed via "VCH") on the American POW's; KHARVIS Arenberg, born in 1920, who arrived in camp No. 188 from camp No. 120 and VAJNER Iogan Gustav, born in 1922, who arrived to camp No. 188 from camp No. 125. Major KHVALENSKIJ, in No. 1/II/2059 dated 28 Nov 46, reported that POW's KHARVIS and VAJNER are listed as having arrived, but it is not possible to determine to where they departed to. To present there has been no response to our repeat inquiry No. 8/2/5367 dated 20 Dec 46.

Having reported the above-mentioned information, I ask you to immediately cross-reference where American POW's KHARVIS Arenberg, VAJNER Iogan and BONAR Karl have been shipped to and report this to the GUPVI, MVD USSR. Send the registration file with the death and burial certificates for POW KONRADI Dzhordzh who died on 6 Jul 45 while being transported from camp No. 188 to special hospital No. 5951 (city of Kirsanov).

I also request that any remaining POW registration [files] from camp No. 188 and special hospital No. 5951 be [TFR 66-7a]

put in proper order immediately. Also point out to Comrade Major KHVALENSKIJ, the Chief of the OPVI, the unacceptable sluggishness in completing the requests. THE HEAD OF THE GUPVI, MVD USSR LIEUTENANT GENERAL

[signature] (KRIVENKO)

[Printed along the left side of the page "In responses, refer to our No. and the date."] [TFR 66-8]

[handwritten "Entry No. 53040"] [handwritten "26 Dec 46, completed by [illeg. signature]"] [handwritten "462 19"]

Top Secret USSR MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS GUPVI

"20" December 1946 TO THE HEAD OF THE OPVI UMVD TAMBOV OBLAST No. 8/2/5367 city of Moscow To Comrade KHVALENSKIJ

Reference No. 1/II/2059 dated 28 NOV 46 Tambov

Carefully cross-reference all of the documents you have on MVD camp No. 188, as well as the documents from the Operations Section. Accurately establish under what last names and to what location the American POW's, Vajner Iogan Gustav, born 1922, sent from camp No. 125 and Kharvis-Arenberg Frank Vil'yam, from camp No. 120, were shipped. Report the results to the GUPVI MVD USSR by 1 Jan 47.

In the future, you are to immediately report all changes in the registration documents for prisoners of war to the Registration Section of the GUPVI, MVD USSR, so the changes can be made in the central index file.

DEPUTY HEAD OF THE GUPVI, MVD USSR LIEUTENANT GENERAL [signature "PETROV"]

[Stamp "SECRETARIAT UNK Entry No. 7875 25 DEC 46"]

Completed by Davydov

[Printed along the left side of the page "In responses, refer to our No. and the date."] [TFR 66-9]

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RECEIPT
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I received 2 (two) prisoners of war from Comrade Merkulenko into camp No. 188.

Duty officer (signature [illeg. handwriting]) (triangle stamp for passes)

True copy: Secretary of the MVD Camp Directorate No. 120 KFSSR Captain [signature "Maksimov"]

[seal "USSR Ministry of Internal Affairs POW camp No. 125"] [handwritten "144"] Top Secret [handwritten "457"]

TO THE ACTING HEAD OF CAMP SECTION No. 2, CAMP No. 64 SENIOR LIEUTENANT Comrade DILVEAPNESHKIN - here - OPVI 22 Apr 47 [handwritten "1p602"]

I request that you immediately report when and to where the prisoner of war ARENBERG Fridrikh Vil'gel'm departed. [He was] born in 1923. He is an American who arrived from camp No. 120 and was sent to camp No. 188 on 20 Sep 45, for which there is a receipt issued by camp No. 188 and a certificate.

I am also reporting that REJGER Rudol'f Genrikh, born in 1905, arrived at camp No. 188 along with the POW ARENBERG.

THE HEAD OF THE OPVI MVD TO MAJOR (KHVALENSKIJ)

[handwritten "Major [illeg. signature]"] [TFR 66-10]

[handwritten "Entry 5120 20 Feb 47"] MVD of the USSR Top Secret Camp No. 64 Operations Sect. TO THE HEAD OF THE OPVI UMVD - TAMBOV OBLAST "18" February 46 MAJOR Comrade KHVALENSKIJ No. 00124 [illeg. handwriting] City of Mormansk Tambov [handwritten "464"]

In reference to No. 1/V 46 dated 27 Jan 47

As a result of the questioning of POW's Khajm Fred and Sklej Dzhordzh regarding the POW's you are searching for - Bonner Karl Karl born 1919, and Vajler Iogan Gustav, born in 1922, it was explained that at the end of 1945 or at the beginning of 1946 the POW Bonner Karl departed camp No. 188 on a special transport train for one of the work camps (according to POW Khajm). The POW Vajler Iogan departed for his own country from camp No. 188 in October 1945 (according to POW Sklej).

In addition, these POW's explained that the following POW's also know of Bonner Karl and Vajler Iogan: Brajling Genri (at the Kaganovich factory), Myuller Al'fred (at the Sanitorij site) and Dukh Ptefan (in the territory of former camp No. 188) were located in camp section No. 2 of camp No. 64. These people, who were also considered Americans, were held in MVD camp No. 188.

At the same time we are reporting that the operational worker Junior Lieutenant Lobanov found that POW Bonner Karl's departure was indicated in the card index of the operations/registration [section] of camp No. 188. The basis of this is a memo from the registration section.

Deputy Head of the Directorate of MVD camp No. 64 Operations Junior Lieutenant [signature] (Ivanov)

Head of the 1st Department, Camp Operations Section Lieutenant [signature] (Petrov)

Typed in duplicate Copy No. 1 Addressee Copy No. 2 file Checked by Lobanov l ya